

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

July 17, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Denny Kropp (12 Hrs)

Joe Jax (2 Hrs)

Mike Smith (2 Hrs)

Bob Giede (3 Hrs)

Cindy Gilberts (2 Hrs)

Mike Schendel (4 Hrs)

Eric Sutherland (2 Hrs)

Guests: John Johnson, Bruce Heath and Members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording volunteer hours. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and were reviewed. A motion was made for a change "Lion's Club" changed to "Fish & Game". A motion was made by Dennis Kropp to accept the minutes, and was seconded by Bob Giede. Motion carried.

Announcements: John Johnson will be resigning his position as city forester and will continue as a city laborer. John was presented with a plaque for his dedication to the board.

Lake Bank Tree Drop: A map was passed out identifying potential tree drop areas based off the June boat ride, 50 feet into the lake on the southeast and northwest corners. Pros and cons were discussed between the board and the general public related to the tree dropping. A motion was made as a recommendation by Dennis Kropp, seconded by Mike Schendel, to approve. Tree drop was voted: Approved (4) Opposed (1) Abstained (1). Motion carried for approval of tree drop in the 50 foot areas marked out on the map on Lake Menomin.

Tree Canopy Article: Discussion of emerald ash borer.

Urban Forester Report: John Johnson will be working on the fair booth for this year. Ideas include: emphasize the new gravel bed for the trees. Memorial tree. The gravel bed nursery is doing very well, 36-40 trees. There are still some available.

Park Superintendent Report: Tree memorial will be located on the first floor of the government center/city hall building.

City Council Report: Tree drop will not be discussed at the city council meeting. There is talk about the city purchasing the city hall building.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Fair booth review/report
- 2) Emerald Ash Borer Update

Next Meeting: August 21, 2019, 2 PM at the Conference Room in City Hall

Submitted by: Cortney Cole